# Exhibit A



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State of Georgia Department of Economic Development Technology Square 75 5th Street., N.W. Suite 1200 Atlanta, GA 30308

## CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7021 1970 0001 7557 3346

Joint Development Authority of Walton, Newton, Morgan, and Jasper Counties 300 E. Church St. Monroe, GA 30655

## CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7021 1970 0001 7557 3353

Thomas and Hutton Engineering, Inc. 50 Park of Commerce Way Savannah, GA 31405

Re: 60 Day Notice of Intent to Sue

#### Dear Sirs and Madams:

I represent Julie G. Jenkins, as Trustee of the A.F.Jenkins, Jr. Testamentary Trust ("Jenkins"), as the owner of properties in Morgan County, Georgia downstream on Rawlings

# CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7021 1970 0001 7557 3360

Plateau Excavation, Inc. 375 Lee Industrial Boulevard Austell, GA 30168

### <u>CERTIFIED MAIL NO.</u> 7021 1970 0001 7557 3377

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Administrator 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460

# <u>CERTIFIED MAIL NO.</u> 7021 1970 0001 7557 3384

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Administrator 61 Forsyth Street SW Atlanta, GA 30303

## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL NO.</u> 7021 1970 0001 7557 3391

Georgia Environmental Protection Division Richard E. Dunn, Director 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE 14th Floor East Tower - Suite 1456 Atlanta, GA 30334

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Terracon 514 Hillcrest Industrial Blvd. Macon, GA 31204-3472

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Branch from the Rivian development site in Morgan County and Walton County, Georgia. The Jenkins properties include a lengthy stretch of Rawlings Branch and a pond on it known as J-Pond.

Beginning in early October 2022, Plateau Excavation, Inc. ("Plateau") as grading contractor retained by or for the benefit of Rivian Horizon, Inc. ("Rivian"), Rivian Automotive, LLC ("Automotive"), the State of Georgia Department of Economic Development ("GADED"), and/or the Joint Development Authority of Walton, Newton, Morgan, and Jasper Counties ("JDA") commenced significant land disturbing activity in the upper watershed of Rawlings Branch on the Rivian site. It did so in violation of the terms of a Georgia NPDES General Permit to Discharge Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity ("General Permit") pursuant to Notice of Intent ("NOI") No. GAR392428-V1, dated September 6, 2022, as signed by Henry Evans of GADED. The NOI identified Henry Evans, presumably on behalf of GADED, as the owner and operator of the Rivian site.

I understand that the JDA is actually the fee simple owner of the property, with GADED as lessee, and Rivian as sublessee pursuant to a Rental Agreement which the Morgan County Superior Court has held to create a leasehold interest on the part of Rivian. I understand that Thomas & Hutton Engineering, Inc. ("T&H") was engaged as Design Professional by or for the benefit of GADED, JDA, and/or Rivian to prepare an erosion and sedimentation pollution control plan ("ESPCP") for the purpose of preventing sediment pollution impacts to Rawlings Branch as a result of the grading activities to be performed by Plateau. I understand that Terracon, Inc. was retained by or for the benefit of GADED, JDA, and/or Rivian to perform inspection and stream water monitoring activity for purposes of compliance with the inspection and monitoring requirements of the General Permit.

It is my understanding that from the inception of Plateau's grading activities that there have been and continue to be numerous violations of the federal Clean Water Act and the General Permit promulgated thereunder. Those violations include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- a) The T&H ESCPC is deficient in not specifying adequate BMPs to prevent sediment impacts on Rawlings Branch as a result of the land disturbing activity in question.
- b) Plateau has shown a disregard for the need to install and maintain BMPs as necessary to prevent sediment impacts on Rawlings Branch; instead, it has rushed to pursue grading activities before proper design and installation of adequate BMPs.
- c) Terracon inspections and reports have been deficient in failing to identify deviations from the ESCPC and BMPs and sediment impacts on Rawlings Branch.
- d) Sediment impacts in Rawlings Branch as a result of inadequate BMPs are continuing and such sediment impacts constitute continuing violations of the Clean Water Act. Although it appears that some effort has been made to mitigate sediment impacts adjacent to and possibly in Rawlings Branch at one location adjoining the source of such impacts, downstream sediment impacts in Rawlings Branch and downstream to and including the J-Pond continue to be unremediated and constitute continuing violations of the Clean Water Act.

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- e) A sediment basin on the site adjacent to Rawlings Branch has been installed where a spring that connects to Rawlings Branch is located. This constitutes a continuing violation of the Clean Water Act and the buffer protection rules contained in the General Permit.
- f) Turbidity monitoring reports for Rawlings Branch following rain events reflect NTU exceedances which are in turn indicative of inadequate BMPs, buffer encroachment, in-stream sediment, all of which constitute continuing Clean Water Act violations.

Because the public does not have general access to the Rivian site, it is entirely possible that there are other continuing violations of the Clean Water Act of which we are not aware but which the recipients of this letter should be able to identify based on a thorough investigation. Please consider this letter to place you on notice of any such matters. Also, please note that this letter should not be deemed to constitute a full listing of all prior Clean Water Act violations associated with this site; we reserve the right to pursue civil penalties for all Clean Water Act violations, past, present, continuing, and future, in a subsequent citizens suit under the Clean Water Act.

Rivian, GADED, JDA, T&H, Automotive and Terracon each have responsibility for Clean Water Act compliance with respect to the development of the Rivian site. This letter should be deemed to serve as a notice of intent to sue under the federal Clean Water Act. Under applicable law, should the above-referenced violations of the Clean Water Act not be fully abated and remediated within sixty (60) days of this letter, then the right to file a citizen's suit under the Clean Water Act will accrue as provided at 33 U.S.C § 1365.

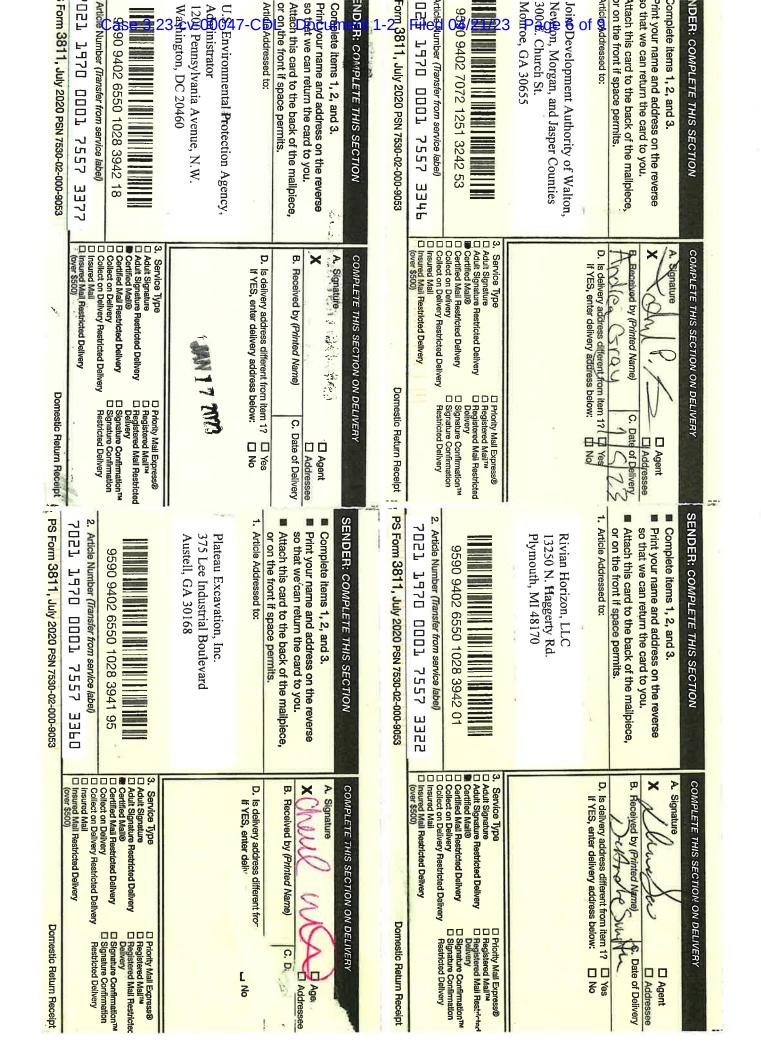
Should you have any questions regarding the subject matter of this letter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sean Smith

Attorney for Julie G. Jenkins

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